

# First United Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2017

We know **June** brings us **Father's Day** (18) and the **first day of summer** (21), but did you know it's also the month for **National Lemonade Days** (3-11), **National Flip Flop Day** (16), and **Duct Tape Days** (16-18)? Here are a few more important dates for you to keep in mind:



## Judy Allan Memorial Garden Planting Day

Sat., 6/3, 9am - noon



## Sunday Bike Rides

Every Sunday, 4pm



## Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show

Sunday, 6/4, 5pm dinner  
& 6:15pm show



## Presby Seekers Fox River Cruise

Mon., 6/12, 2:30pm



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed., 6/28

Remember, you can always find the most up-to-date church event information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** available in your Sunday bulletin, in the weekly Friday Preview emails, and on our website at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org). You can also find our official church calendar of events on the website. Don't miss a thing!

## Our Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show

is coming **Sunday, June 4** (dinner at **5pm** & the show at **6:15pm**). The show will feature lots of vocal and instrumental music, plus dance, karate, a dog act, and much more. We hope everyone will buy a ticket for the meal and enjoy this wonderful evening. Your ticket also enters you into the drawing for a variety of door prizes. Proceeds will benefit our youth programs. Don't miss this great event!



Our Presby Seekers are inviting everyone to join them for a **Fox River Cruise** on **Monday, June 12, at 2:30pm!** If you're interested, you'll need

to make your own reservation by calling 422-6300 (\$27.75 per person). For more information, watch your Weekly Newsletter or call Barb Williams (819-3063) or Paul Jensen (351-3244). Seats are limited, so act soon!

Making summer plans? Register TODAY for our **Vacation Bible School** coming **Sunday 7/23** through **Thursday 7/27**. This year it's called **"Maker Fun Factory"**

where curious kids become inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. To register for kids or volunteers, click on the image shown or visit our website ([firstunitedpc.org](http://firstunitedpc.org)). The first 10 families to register will win a free CD featuring all the great VBS music. Reserve your child's spot today!



# CONNECTING...

...with Our Community and the World

## N.E.W. Community Shelter Update...

On **Tuesday, May 16**, our group served **183** meals at the shelter. The meal was prepared



by our team of Dennis Hibray, Bruce Kilmer, Joe Williams, and Mike Kettner. Cakes

were provided by Diane Betz, Rita Kilmer, Debbie Cordova, Sue Renier, Vernon Pahl, Sydney Goddard, and Mike Kettner.

Dinner was served by Cassidy, Sydney, and Mackenzie Lindow; Rita Kilmer; Lynn Huebbe; Mike Kettner; Dennis Hibray; Joe Williams; and Cindi Barnett. In addition, Lee Richardson and Lois Pelishek delivered meals to Freedom House.



If you'd like to donate a cake, sign up in the Family Life Center or contact Diane Betz (336-5054). Our next date at the shelter will be **June 20** from 5pm to 6:15pm. If you would like to help, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at 737-5376 or [cindi.barnett@snc.edu](mailto:cindi.barnett@snc.edu).

Our Men's Club raised more than \$1,000 for church missions during their **Memorial Day Weekend Brat Fry!** Thanks to all our members and friends who helped support this event by buying some brats or Chef Mike's baked goods. A special thanks goes to Dave Griffin, Mike Kettner, Dennis Hibray, Paul Weiss, Tom Steffen, Ted Huebbe, Jerry Kabat, Paul Jensen, Dan Hamersky, Frank Petiniot, Mark DeCleene,



Joe Williams, Ken Nyberg, and "Mister Mustard" Kaen Baxter for all their time and efforts to help make it a big success!

## Who are our Deacons?

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order describes the **Board of Deacons** as "...one of



compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed...". That's quite a special and challenging charge.

Among other things, our Deacons provide meals for homebound members, make regular visits with special care members, assist in transportation, and provide emergency help when needed. They also assist with weddings, baptisms, funerals, and Communion.

Our current Deacons are Marilyn Heim, Mike Kettner, Anne Motquin, Barb Ryan, Debbie Pahl, Annette Kinchen, Marilyn Kabat, Kathy Thorpe, Lynnee Schmidt, Kendra Smale, Becky Nyberg, Kathy Zeitler, and Youth Deacon, Michella Bauer.

The **Deacons Fund** is supported through your donations using the **green envelopes** in your pew racks. Please support these caring and compassionate members of our church family and pray for their ongoing ministry of service.



**Ecumenical Partnership for Housing**

## E.P.H. Update...

This partnership is made up of the Salvation Army and several area churches, including ours. Here's one family's story:

*"I was in a very abusive relationship and felt very broken down inside to the point that I believed I could not or would not ever be anything in life. The Salvation Army (TSA) and Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH) came along and gave me strength, hope, and inspiration to prove that wasn't true. You (EPH and TSA) gave me the chance to spend time with my girls like a family and set goals and healthy boundaries. Through your support, and my case manager Kim, I was given the chance to heal from my domestic abuse and become a stronger woman and mother. I am truly grateful to EPH and TSA for everything you have done to help me and my girls. Thank you and God bless you all."*

The EPH and its member churches are helping make a difference one family at a time.





## Session Report by Dawn Picard, Clerk

At the **May Session** meeting, the Ruling Elders heard a report from Tom Bayer about the recent Presbytery Meeting in Wisconsin Dells. Tom has agreed to serve as the Winnebago Presbytery representative on the Pilgrim Center Board of Directors. It was also announced that Pastor Luke will be the moderator for the Shawano Presbyterian Church until they find an Interim Pastor.

The majority of the Session meeting was spent in discussion about possibly moving to a team approach within the ministries. Small teams would continue the work of the ministry, each team specific to a particular aspect or task. This is a way to involve more members in the work of the church, decrease time spent in meetings allowing more time for action, and bringing Session back to the tasks identified in the Book of Order. In June, the Session will hear a report from the Worship and Music Ministry on the team approach pilot program that they tested for the last three months. Session also set **November 5** as Commitment Sunday and agreed to move the June Session meeting to **Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30pm** to accommodate the Moderator.

### Presbyterian Women Calendar



Our Presbyterian Women's group is a community of women who are hardworking, faithful, curious, welcoming, prayerful, creative, and giving. They are YOU! Why not join us for some of our group opportunities and activities?

- 6/1 - **PWCT Mtg. @ 8:30am (off site) & Mission Sewing Group @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 6/8 - **Talbot Circle @ 11:30am (Julie's Café) \*Please RSVP to Barb Kraus at 920-983-6149**
- 6/17 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 6/27 - **4th Tues. Readers @ 1pm (Library)**

*\*Esther Circle will return in September.*

## Our Story

Monthly Financial Update  
(as of April 30, 2017)



*"For where your treasure is there your heart will also be."* **Matthew 6:21**

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
<b>Operating Fund</b>		
Income	\$123,000	\$117,200
Expenses	\$103,400	\$112,500
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Income	\$24,700	\$19,400
Payments	\$25,200	\$19,400

### June Special Offerings

- PC(USA) Pentecost Offering: *June 4*
- Deacons Fund Offering: *June 4*
- 2017 Per Capita: *\$35 per member*



You no longer have to carry cash or write checks to make an offering. You can make offerings from your computer or smart phone while away on travel or vacation.

Register and give at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org).

During the month of June, the **Thursday Prayer Group** will be praying for the members and friends of First United Presbyterian Church; our community, state, national, and global leaders; and the safety of our children and teens as they enjoy summer activities. Your specific prayer requests can be placed in the offering plates or in the box outside the Prayer Room. You can also send them to the church office. The group meets every **Thursday morning** at **11am**. All are welcomed to attend. Here's June's special prayer of the month:



***"Christ be with me, Christ be in me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me."***

**Celtic Blessing**



**Elder of the Month**

Patricia Cobos-Welle

**Deacons of the Month**

Anne Motquin & Barb Ryan



- 2 - Jessica Baumgartner
- 4 - Richard French
- 5 - Bradley Hau
- 7 - Abby Malcolm & Lou Seiler
- 9 - Jeremy Beck & Scott McPherson

- 10 - Jameson O'Brien
- 11 - Mackenzie Lindow
- 13 - Susan Leiber, Mark Robertson, & Blake Van De Hei
- 15 - Henryk Hamp & Kevin Pajkos
- 18 - Bryson Blahnik
- 19 - Eva Cannon
- 20 - Debbie Furlong
- 21 - Bryce Motquin
- 23 - Anna Smith
- 24 - Gretchen Hamp, Kirsten Larson, & Ellen Stuebs
- 27 - Peggy Barden
- 29 - Joleigh Blahnik, Willard Chadwick, & Jan Pomprowitz
- 30 - Daisy Lester

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**Sunday School**  
*Returns in September!*

**Worship Service**  
9:45am

**Coffee Fellowship**  
10:45am



**Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday**  
9am - 1pm

**Friday - closed**

*Our History Corner...*

In **May** of **1959**, our church family dedicated a new **Education Wing** as the first part of a church building upgrade. For several years, our worship services were still held at the older church in downtown De Pere while Sunday School classes and other special events took place in this new building. This picture shows how it



looked from Webster Avenue. The windows to the right look into what is now the Music Room. The darker area on the left end became the hallway leading into our current Sanctuary in **1963**. You can't see this view of the Education Wing now because our current Gathering Area and Family Life Center were built in front of it in **2007**. Those double doors near the center of the photo now lead you right into our Family Life Center.

**If you have photos, films, or church memories to share, please contact Mark Young at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or contact the church office.**



**Do you have info to submit or corrections to share?**

Please send your info to **Mark Young** at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or to the church office at [info@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:info@firstunitedpc.org). We always appreciate your input and feedback!